

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you

First Reading *Deuteronomy* 4:1-2. 6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 14:2-5*

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. **R**.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R**.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R**.

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Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Nothing outside a person can defile them.....

....it is what comes out of a person

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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome to our parish community!

Please take a welcome envelope pack from the front entrance. Also check out our website and Facebook page <u>nnnv.facebook.com/john23rdparish</u>



erne to the continuity of the Catholic Parish of St John 20rd Glenwood Stanhope Gan where the love of Christ Is shining in so many ways.

SUGGESTION BOX We welcome your comments and constructive suggestions.

DISABLED PARKING

We have designated two additional disabled parking bays in the small top carpark. They have been designated specifically for Saturday and Sunday so general parking is still permissible during the week. Please be considerate when parking on the weekends.

WE GIVE THANKS TO

everyone who endeavoured to wear their national costumes in commemoration of Migrant Sunday. Apologies for cancelling the food fiesta event due to the inclement weather we're having, albeit we do welcome the rain as it is badly needed especially for our farmers.

... to Carmina for sewing the beautiful new collection bags. Now we just need to fill them.

... to everyone who signed over their plant allocation from Blacktown Council – we are able to get 400 plants! We won't take them all now but will spread our planting over the year.

CRL - Family Night - Trivia Night

We are having a night of curiosity.

Come join us for a trivia night where we will be testing you on facts from the bible to the facts of the world to facts of sport and list goes on.

Entry is free and we promise a night of good old fashioned family fun.

Date - <u>Saturday 8th September 2018</u> **Time** - <u>7.30 pm</u> onwards **Where** - St Marks College Hall -Stanhope Gardens

Light Supper will be provided

SUGGESTION BOX RESPONSES

Our suggestion box in the foyer gathers a number of comments and suggestions from parishioners. As most are anonymous we aren't able to respond directly, so in this new column we will endeavour to address many of those contributions.

Q. During Benediction, the list of petitions should not be read aloud. Instead there should be a silent pause at that time to allow everyone to recall their own petitions. After all these petitions are meant for the Lord, they make no sense to the congregation and are best reflected upon personally and individually, while still silently praying for the petitions of others in the congregation.

A. This suggestion has much merit, although it would need some discussion with those who attend the Novena Masses. Since the NSW Privacy Act states that we cannot mention that someone is sick without their permission or the permission of their next-of-kin, perhaps we should restrict the listing of names to those who have died?

Changes to our collection

First Collection will occur after the Homily and which will be brought to the altar during the offertory procession. The Second Collection will occur after the offertory and will be brought forward during the Holy, Holy.

Paying our debt together

The First Collection – for the diocese. This is used for the support of the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

The Second Collection – for the parish. This is used to meet our parish running costs of the church and provide for ministry expenses.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

If you would like to be a part of the church's plan giving program, which goes to the second collection, an **SJ23rd form** is available at the church foyer or contact the parish office.

We would encourage instead of the envelope system to either direct debit or credit card deduction.

PARISH NEWS

Parish Pastoral Corner

FAITH FORMATION

\Rightarrow Our Lady of Perpetual Help Statue

We continue to ask for host families to pray the Rosary at home and request our Blessed Mother's intercessions. Tuesday nights beginning with Evening Prayer at 6.30pm, Rosary at 7.15pm, Mass and Novena prayers at 7:30pm with sung Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the novena mass.

If you want the opportunity of having the statue of Our Lady visit your home contact Bart Sarlabus *bart.sarlabus@gmail.com* or Melva Paguinto (after

novena mass). Pick up the statue after the novena mass and return a week after, before the start of the novena mass.

"A family that prays together, stays together - Fr Patrick Peyton"

\Rightarrow Christian Meditation Group

Christian Meditation Group held every Monday at 7.30 in the Conference Room for further enquiries call Frances Pegrem on 0417 406715.

\Rightarrow Marriage Enrichment Retreat

- ♥ Serving God Through Marriage
- ♥ Christian Couple as Pastoral Team
- ♥ Role of Christian Husband & Wife
- ♥ Effective Communication
- Healing Our Marriage
- ♥ Building Our Home for God

When: Saturday 15 Sep, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm & Sunday 16 Sep, 9:00 am to 1:30pm (including holy mass)

Where: St. Mark's Staff Room

Registration: \$40 per couple to cover 2 lunches and 3 snacks

Note: We can mind your children (ages 5-12 only) if you have no available friends/relatives to look after them during this event. Cost is \$15 per child to cover food and drinks.

Please RSVP by Friday 7 Sep 2018

For further information, please contact 0402836075 (Donna) or 0403713374 (Phoebe)



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Vinnies, Stanhope Gardens Conference is starting a "Non-perishable Food Drive" to help feed the needy in the community. When we get calls for assistance with food, we help out with a bag of groceries and a food voucher to buy fresh meat etc. At the moment, our cupboard is looking bare for some items and we are asking for help. We believe that if every family was to contribute one item of non-perishable food a month our cupboard would never go bare. At present, we need long life milk, cereal, pasta sauce, tinned vegetables, tinned meat and tinned fish. We will have a labelled plastic bin in the church foyer for your donations. We will advise you every month as to what food item is running low. Thank you very much for all the help you have given our Vinnies Conference so far. God bless you all.

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Rosary Statue Family Roster for Tuesday Nights										
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PASTORAL CARE

\Rightarrow ARV visit

Our next ARV visit is Sat 15 September, 10.30am-11.30am. Everyone welcome! For an hour, we chat, sit or do activities with the elderly residents. Come join us and bring some sunshine to their day! The ARV is located at 4 View St, The Ponds (Behind Stanhope Village) Contact Jill on 0402 172 346 for more information.

\Rightarrow Mother's Group

Our next Mothers' Group is on Wednesday 19 September, 7pm at the church. All mothers welcome! We are a friendly bunch of mums who offer prayers for our children and support for each other. Come join us! Contact Jill on 0402 172 346 or Savia at *savvi305@gmail.com*.



Chairman Bart Sarlabus Dep Chairman Chris Drummond Secretary Nanette Gamboa

Members Bernadette Virwani Gary Lee Julienne Crasto Nidarshi Fernando

If you or any family member is homebound and would want to receive communion in your home please contact the parish office.

Special intentions

Recently Deceased:

Sam Gauchi, Manuel Lino N Pore, Sanjeev Desai

Deceased:

Mariano Fernino, Reno Camilleri, Carmen Camilleri, Osbert Fenech, Doreen Farrow, Reynaldo P. Giron Saiver Bugja, Feona Bugja

Anniversary:

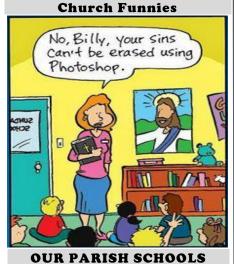
Pierre Francois, Lawrie Noronha, Ernesto R Rabargoso, John Cherry, Aberlardo Africa Sr, Esperanza Perez, Calito Songco

Sick:

Jaxon Touneur, Ceasar de Jesus, David Lanza, Angie De Lara, Genevieve Goco, Leticia Carpio, Stella Cristobal, Margaret Iringan, Jaroslava Knotek Roland Sampy, Ronelle, Giuseppe David LoRusso, Sonia Sampaio, John Wormald, Jesse Perrone, Edmond Rizon, Fe Suderio, Ariel Ignacio, Lolita Diaz, Liezl Sultana, Sonia Mikac

Thanksgiving:

Myrna Cala, George Kavo, Canci Family, Kavo Family



Holy Cross Primary
49 Meurants Lane, Glenwood
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Diocesan News

Save the Date – Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive

Date: 11 November 2018. Waiting for Gabriel is an information afternoon. You'll hear testimonies & learn about natural options which assist fertility. For more information contact Natural Fertility Serv, Diocese of Parramatta *catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org* 0400 427 605

Save the Date - Liturgy Conference 2018

Date: 10 November 2018. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Workshops (still to be finalised): Singing the Psalms, RCIA ritual & symbols, Training Junior Altar Servers and Music and Prayer in the Classroom.

To register your interest go to parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018/

Tickets: On sale soon (we'll let you know when).

ACYMC 2018

Early-bird registration for the Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta on behalf of the Australian Catholic B i s h o p s i s n o w o p e n at www.acymc.org.au. The event will host up to 500 adult delegates who are engaged in ministry with young people in parishes, schools, agencies and ministries of the Catholic Church. Rooty Hill RSL, September 21-23.

Contact James Camden, Director, Catholic Youth Parramatta for more information (02) 8838 3428 or *james.camden@parracatholic.org*

Lawn and Garden Services: Help CatholicCare to Help Disabled Workers

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains (CatholicCare) is the diocesan social services organisation. Our Mamre Garden Services employed disabled people in a lawn and garden service lawns for both residential and commercial clients. The team of workers is supervised by our Garden Crew Supervisor. Each job is quoted separately and you will not be disappointed with the quality of the work. If you're interested in having your lawns and/or gardens serviced by CatholicCare or would like more information, please contact 02 8843 2500 or visit our website www.ccss.org.au

9 September - The Permanent Diaconate

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. The meetings will commence at 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship.

The 2018 dates on Sundays 4 November. For further info visit *nnw.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate* or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769

Other News

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online: www.plenarycouncil.catbolic.org.au

St Vincent de Paul DROUGHT APPEAL

Help support struggling rural communities facing tough drought conditions. Help individuals and communities across NSW in three ways:

- Provide immediate relief through food assistance and other household bill payments
- Fund the delivery of water and animal feed by partner organisations
- Organise social events for rural communities to come together and find support

Donations can be made by calling 131812, *www.vinnies.org.au/drought* or at any local Vinnies Shop.

ST JOHN XXIII GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AND COLUMBARIUM

Preliminary work on the Garden of Remembrance and columbarium has commenced. We will be at all masses this weekend to receive payments from those who have reserved niches.

We are also asking anyone who has not taken up their free plant allocation from Blacktown Council to sign the form at the doors of the church. This will enable us to take up your allocation.



A. Sponsorship and promotional opportunities

There are a number of opportunities for parishioners and suppliers to contribute to the construction of our columbarium, either by way of monetary donations or provision of materials or labour. Here are a few ideas – the smallest contribution will be gratefully received

1	Sandstone altar	\$ 4 000
2	Cross	\$ 3 000
3	Wooden bench (6)	\$ 300 each
4	Lighting & CCTV	\$ 3 000
5	Plaque – St John XXIII	\$ 500
6	Plaque – St Mary MacKillop	\$ 500
7	Water feature	\$ 900
8	Paving	\$ 5 000
9	Turf	\$ 5 000
10	Landscaping	\$ 5 000
11	Lighting & CCTV	\$ 3 000

Acknowledgement incentive

Items 1 – 3

If you wish, a plaque acknowledging your contribution is included + if you wish, full colour acknowledgment in the parish bulletin for three weeks

Items 4 – 11

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B. Give of your time at a working bee

There will be a number of working bees, not just for the Garden of Remembrance, but the church gardens generally, for example planting a hedge and other shrubs and plants

C. Gardening or Housekeeping

Offer your time to look after a small garden area or to take care of the Garden of Remembrance eg general tidying up

Contact: John McCartney - businessmanager@john23rd.org.au or 0414 909 178

YOUTH CORNER

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

BLAZE

BLAZE Youth Group is a fun and exciting way for youths in Years 7 and up to learn about their faith and how to handle the struggles of being a teem. BLAZE runs during **Friday nights,** weeks 1,3,5,7 and 9 of the school term. Session **starts at 7:15 till 9pm.** Next Session: tba CRL (Community of the Risen Lord)

When: 2nd & 4th Saturdays Praise & Worship Time: after 6:00pm vigil mass

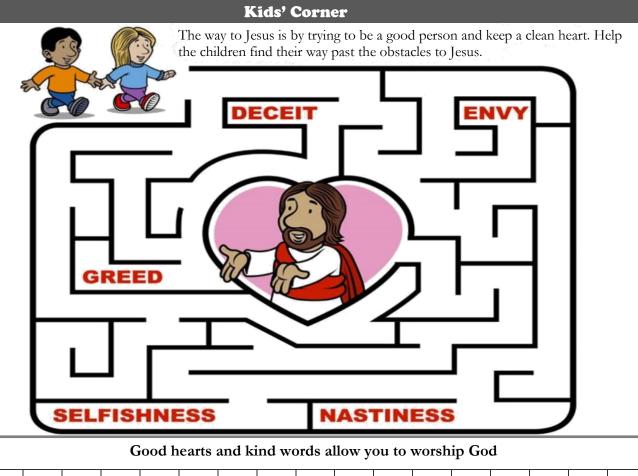
YFC (Youth for Christ)

When: 3rd Sundays of the month

Youth Ministry

SJXXIII Youth is looking for volunteer youth facilitators who are can commit to assisting with our BLAZE fortnightly sessions. Any enquiries can be sent to <u>youth@john23rd.com.au</u>.





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